FRUIT AUCTION SALES CO.
AUCTIONEERS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CHARLES R. GODDING
CHARLES W. [illegible]
WALLACE B. CLARK
E. EDWIN MILLS

OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL MANAGER

October [illegible]

Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

On Thursday, September 18th, 1930, Mr. Charles R. Godding, Mr. E. Edwin Mills and the writer had an audience with Mr. C. C. Teague of the Federal Farm Board in Washington and presented to him the conditions existing in the past few years on the teamtracks of the grape industry in Chicago. On the same morning we were referred to the Department of Justice and we presented conditions to them as they existed in Chicago, especially on the Clinton Street teamtracks of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, where approximately one-third of the unloads of the grapes were made in previous years.

The tracks have been virtually under control of a number of persons under the direction of Joseph Ferrara (who has since been murdered) and Tony Fornitari. These two gentlemen had been operating under orders and with the finances furnished by one Joseph Aiello (who has also in the past week been murdered in Chicago). For three years it has been impossible for any free and open selling by growers, receivers, or auction company in this yard. They have had for these number of years a monopoly of the tracks and only those who met with favor with these people were permitted to open and peddle cars. Their practice has been to levy a tribute varying from $10.00 per car to $200.00 before permitting a buyer to peddle a car to the public. In some instances they made a season's agreement by certain amounts of money. This has been common practice and known by every one in the industry but nothing concrete could be gathered which would definitely establish such things as time of payment or proofs that would stand in court. The United States Fruit Auction Company being the only outstanding instance where definite payment was demanded.

During the grape season of 1928 the buyers who operated in the Northwestern tracks were prohibited from purchasing at the auction. However, in 1929, in order to

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give the shippers full buying power of the entire market, it was necessary to have some of the buyers at the track purchase cars. We, therefore, held sales for a short period twice weekly within the teamtracks of the Northwestern yards. There was very bitter feeling and many definite threats made to the auction company officials that they would not permit these sales to continue and on one particular occasion, under the leadership of Ferrara and Terzigni, the crowd that followed the auctioneers was terrorized and they prohibited the auction selling to continue, even with threats of guns. The following day, Ferrara agreed if we discontinued selling auction at teamtrack, they would permit their boys to buy from us at our regular selling plans in the Chicago Produce Terminal Yards and divert cars from there to the Northwestern teamtrack for sale to the public. For this service, however, they demanded a certain sum of money per car and it was definitely agreed to pay them $20.00 per car, under the guise of they assuming the credits for this irresponsible lot of buyers who are the sellers to the public of grapes. They purchased last season [illegible] cars, on which they were paid $20.00 a car. This money was paid by check, the original of which is in your possession.

After the death of Ferrara and the breaking up of the so-called Aiello gang, it was generally made known that the Al Capone organization had taken charge of the Northwestern tracks and had installed one Manny Schreiberg with one Tony Romano as his organizer and the general word was passed out that a charge this season would be $50.00 per car for anyone not having made previous arrangements with this organization to open and sell cars. Also the word was passed that they were going to organize all other tracks in Chicago on a similar basis, which were the following: The Chicago Produce Terminal peddling yards located at 47th and Ashland Ave., the 21st Street yards of the Santa Fe, and the Rock Island yards at Taylor Street.

On or about September 12th, and again the following Monday, several men in high powered automobiles appeared in the Produce Terminal Yards and advised some of the men there

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CHARLES W. IRWGANG
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Secretary

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Treasurer

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that they were going to organize that yard. When this information reached us we immediately got in touch with Mr. Teague of Washington.

For many years the Division Street yard tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul were used for the selling of grapes to the public. At the opening last year, the Ferrara men, fully armed, swooped down on these men who were opening these cars and compelled them to close and get rid of same and refused to permit any further business on these tracks, thereby closing up one of the big outlets for grapes. This same railroad at a great expenditure built concrete tracks this season but no cars have been handled there so far.

The matter was placed before Mr. Teague, advising him that the city authorities apparently were helpless in the matter and we hoped that there might be a violation of interstate laws and that we might be able to secure the assistance of the Federal Government in breaking up this condition in Chicago but, as we advised the Department in Washington, it was impossible for us to present anything concrete as most of these transactions were made among the illiterate Italian class who were afraid to put themselves on record, and all that we could get was hearsay evidence, feeling that the Department might be able, with different leads, to secure enough data and information that would show violation of Federal laws.

As this letter is written, the organization is hanging on but has not dared to function openly and as freely as was their intention. The results therefrom are now shown by the larger increase in sales on this particular track, also the investigation which was started has evidently changed their plans for this season of expanding their operations to other tracks.

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I might add that we returned from Washington on Friday, September 19th, and this organization knew of our visit and the mission of same in Washington, this information having apparently emanated from Washington.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Irwgang

I, PERRY STERN, of the U. S, Fruit Auction Company, have read the foregoing statement consisting of nine typewritten pages containing questions by Special Agents M. T. Little and Albert Miller and the answers thereto made by me on October 24, 1930, and the same were made willingly without threat or promise of reward or immunity and are true to the best of my knowledge.

Perry Stern

PERRY STERN

Witnesses

Albert Miller

M. T. Little

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On the afternoon of the 30th instant, Agent Fay of the New York office called by telephone to advise that Mr. Charles Irrgang, who has financed Agents DiLillo and Palmera in the Juice Grape business, had advised that he had received word from Subject Manny Schraiberg and two others who had made certain inducements looking towards a partnership ~~had advised~~ that they were informed that government agents had entered into the grape business; that they were not in any way fearful of the consequences; and Mr. Irrgang stated that he would not finance another car for these Agents; that he would not testify to the facts which he has already disclosed to our Agents; that he would no longer cooperate with the Government, and that he was through. Agent Fay stated that Mr. Irrgang made these statements in no belligerent attitude whatever, but in an attitude clearly indicating, in fact supported by the statement that he was fearful for his life and would under no circumstances have anything more to do with this investigation. In view of this information, I promptly communicated with Mr. Oseas, in Mr. O'Brian's Division, and it was agreed that Agents Palmera and DiLillo would be promptly released from this work in Chicago, and that further investigation would necessarily be suspended until the full facts with regard to the Irrgang statement were received. Agent Fay stated he would place a report in the mails on the night of the 30th instant.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Chas. W. Irrgang informed that second car of juice grapes selected by Agents DiLillo and Palmer would sell too high, and suggested postponement of sale of grapes until the following day. After conference between Irrgang and Subject Schraiberg, accompanied by two alleged Capone representatives, Irrgang declined to assist further in instant investigation. Bureau advised by telephone and memorandum. Awaiting Bureau instructions as to further investigations, case is

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Albert Miller, Chicago, Ill., October 28, 1930 and memorandum dated October 30, 1930.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

This is a joint report on behalf of Special Agents M. F. Little, Albert Miller, D. DiLillo and W. R. Palmer.

In view of Agents DiLillo and Palmer having completed the sale of a car of juice grapes at the Chicago & North Western Railway Company's juice grape tracks on October 27, 1930, Acting Special Agent

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In Charge F. X. Fay communicated with Mr. Vincent Hughes by long distance telephone on October 28, 1930 and briefly outlined the situation concerning this investigation, and requested further instructions. Mr. Hughes instructed that the further under-cover investigation by Agents DiLillo and Palmera should be held in abeyance until the Chicago office had learned the result of Mr. Irrgang's contemplated interview with Subject Schreiberg, which was to occur on October 29, 1930. On the evening of the latter date, Mr. Irrgang by telephone informed Agents that Subject Schreiberg had failed to appear for conference. This information was conveyed to Mr. Vincent Hughes by long distance telephone by Acting Special Agent in Charge Fay who was then instructed to have Agents DiLillo and Palmera proceed with the sale of another car of juice grapes in the same manner as heretofore.

Agents Little and Miller contacted with Mr. Irrgang on October 29, 1930 and made arrangements with him to permit Agents DiLillo and Palmera to inspect the cars of juice grapes on the tracks of the Produce Terminal in order that they might select a suitable car of juice grapes. Mr. Irrgang informed that Agents DiLillo and Palmera could select any car of juice grapes which they thought desirable and stated he would have same switched to the Chicago and North Western Railway's juice grape tracks where the said Agents could pay the freight on same on the morning of October 30, 1930 and proceed with the sale of same as heretofore. At this conference Mr. Irrgang informed Agents Miller and Little that he (Irrgang) had met Bill Reardon, sales representative for Mark T. Adamson, broker, on the Chicago & North Western Railway's juice grape tracks on the previous day and that the latter had informed Mr. Irrgang that the "organization" was disgusted with the amount of profit that they had realized through Schreiberg and his assistants this season and that the "organization" had instructed Schreiberg to get rid of Tony Romano and Fred King.

Agents DiLillo and Palmera inspected the cars of juice grapes at the Produce Terminal on October 29, 1930 and selected lot 29, which was a car of Muscats, and informed Mr. Irrgang and Perry Stern, who approached them, of their selection. Mr. Irrgang informed Agents DiLillo and Palmera that the selection which they made was a car of good juice grapes, but that the cost of the same would run very high in comparison with the rest of the juice grape market, and Mr. Irrgang suggested that the matter of obtaining another car of juice grapes be postponed until the following day (October 30, 1930).

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Later in the day October 30, 1930, Mr. Irrgang telephoned at this office and informed Agent that Subject Schreiberg had telephoned to him and that he had advised Schreiberg he would meet him (Schreiberg) at his (Irrgang's) apartment on the evening of October 30, 1930 in the Medinah Athletic Club. Agents Little and Miller interviewed Mr. Irrgang after this telephone conversation at his apartment and Mr. Irrgang requested that Agents contact him on the following day for details of his interview which was to occur with Subject Schreiberg.

Agents Little and Miller contacted with Mr. Irrgang at his office on the morning of October 30, 1930, at which time a conference was held. The details of this conference have been submitted to the Bureau under separate cover in the form of a Memorandum, dated October 30, 1930, and the recent developments which have occurred were briefly outlined by Acting Special Agent in Charge Fay to Mr. Vincent Hughes by long distance telephone.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to furnish the Chicago Bureau Office with instructions as to further investigations in this matter.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES DODDS
ACTING HEAD OF CRIMINAL DIVISION

For your further information in connection with the Juice Grape Investigation at Chicago, which is entitled "Manny Schraiberg and Tony Romano", there is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Albert Miller, dated October 31, at Chicago, Illinois, from which you will note that Mr. Charles Irrgang has refused to cooperate further with the Government, and as a consequence, Agents DiLillo and Palmera have been released from the assignment at Chicago.

No further action will be taken in this matter pending additional instructions from the office of the Assistant to the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. O'BRIAN

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Supplementing my memorandum of the 1st instant with regard to the Juice Grape Investigation, which is entitled "Manny Sehraiberg and Tony Romano," there is enclosed herewith, for your further information, a copy of the report of Special Agent Albert Miller of the Chicago office of the Bureau, dated October 31.

As indicated in my memorandum of the 1st instant, the Chicago office has been instructed to take no further action in this case pending receipt of additional instructions. The enclosed report, which contains an inquiry with regard to the advisability of proceeding with the investigation, was, of course, prepared and submitted prior to the time that the instruction to take no further action was issued.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Agent Fay at the Chicago Office called by telephone yesterday morning to advise that Special Agents DiLillo and Palmera, assigned to the Juice Grape Investigation had succeeded in disposing of a carload of grapes on the Northwestern Railroad tracks at a loss of $195.00; that no approaches have beenmade to either of these Agents while working on the railroad tracks, although subject Romano, one of the leading racketeers, had sold grapes from a car placed next to that of the agents, and it was assumed that Romano had performed that work for the purpose of sizing up Palmera and DiLillo, as it has not been his practice to sell grapes but merely to circulate around the cars where they were being sold. DiLillo observed the passing of funds, from one grape vendor to Romano but did not overhear the conversation and does not know the circumstances attendant upon that transfer of funds. Agent DiLillo, however, obtained the number of the car from which these grapes were sold and can identify the vendor when it becomes necessary to do so at a later date.

Agent Fay also advised that subject Manny Schraiberg had communicated with Mr. Charles Irrgang, who is financing the grape business for the Agents, requesting a conference yesterday. Irrgang, of course, had agreed and will advise the Agents promptly upon the conclusion of said conference, the subject thereof.

Agent Fay desired instructions as to whether an additional car of grapes should be purchased and sold. I advised him to make no further arrangements until I had an opportunity to confer with Mr. Oseas of the Department. I conferred with Mr. Oseas, who stated he would like to have the Agents purchase and sell another car of grapes, even though the Agents were under the impression that possibly a leak had occurred and the racketeers were advised of their plans, because he stated that if they suspected anything, the withdrawal of the Agents after the sale of only one carload of grapes would confirm that suspicion and upon the other

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hand, if the racketeers were only suspicious of these Agents, their presence with another carload of grapes might allay that suspicion and they might be approached on the second occasion. In view of this request of Mr. Osess, I will instruct the Chicago Office to permit the Agents to proceed with the sale of another carload of grapes, unless developments growing out of the conference between Irrgang and Schreiberg make the same impossible. I expect to learn of the results of the conference before the close of business today.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. CARLIN

I desire to confirm the delivery to Mr. Cocos on the 31st ultimo of a copy of the report of Agent A. Miller of the Chicago office of this Bureau, dated October 30th, and entitled HARRY SCHRAIBERG, TONY ROMANO, Juice Grape Investigation. I also desire to confirm the delivery to Mr. Cocos on that date of a copy of a memorandum prepared by Agents M. T. Little and A. Miller at Chicago on October 30th covering information received from Charles Irrgang concerning a conference between Harry Schraiberg and two associates and Irrgang, and relating the statement of Mr. Irrgang to the effect that he wished it definitely understood by this Bureau and the Department at Washington that he would not testify in this case and was not willing that any signed statement made by him be used as evidence; that he would no longer cooperate with the government and would not finance any further operations on the part of the Agents.

When advice of the statement of Mr. Charles Irrgang was received by telephone on October 30th, this office after conferring with Mr. Cocos, instructed Special Agents Dillie and Palmera, who had been working on the case at Chicago, to discontinue it and to return to their respective headquarters. The Bureau is at this time writing the Chicago office instructing that they take no further action pending additional instructions from this office other than to report such developments as may occur.

It is believed that any further investigation along the lines heretofore pursued would be futile. It is believed further that inasmuch as Charles Irrgang originally complained to the Department regarding the activities of the gangsters in Chicago in the grape industry, and knew full well of the character of the persons with whom he was dealing, he should be called upon to present his facts to a grand jury despite his statement to the effect that he will not testify as to any of the information which he has trans-

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mitted orally and in writing to this Department and Bureau. There would seem to be no greater reason for his fear of the gangsters at this time than was present at the time he first complained to the Department. On the other hand, it is possible that the investigation made by the Department and Bureau may have accomplished a more lucrative arrangement for the disposition of grapes by the Chicago auction.

Very truly yours,

Director.

The Evening Star, November 4, 1930.

GANGSTER TRAILED TO HOSPITAL, SLAIN

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Two Gunmen Walk Into Private Room and Fire Three Shots Into "Ape's" Body.

By the Associated Press.

NEWARK, N. J., November 4.—A racketeer who sought sanctuary in a private room of the Newark General Hospital was tracked down by two gunmen last night and killed in his bed.

Walking by the information desk without a word, the slayers went directly to the room occupied by John Paselli, known in the underworld as "The Ape," and fired three shots, killing him instantly. They then walked out in the confusion and escaped in an automobile.

Paselli, who had been listed at the hospital as Joseph Caruso, walked into the institution Sunday with a slight scalp wound and bruises. Hospital attaches said he told them he had fallen from an automobile. His injuries were dressed, but he insisted on staying in the institution, and asked for a private room.

Police said they believed his injuries were received in jumping from a moving automobile when he realized he was being taken for a ride and that his killers, balked in their first attempt, trailed him to the hospital. The police attributed the killing to New York gangsters, saying Paselli had been attempting to cut in on the New York grape racket, by which gangsters levy a tribute on the shipments of grapes.

Doctors and nurses at the hospital were taken to police headquarters to view rogues' gallery picture in an attempt to identify the slayers.

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AIR MAIL.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

RE: TONY ROMANO; MANNY SCHRAIBERG - JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION
ANTI TRUST MATTER.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will please find an original and two copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent s M. T. Little and Albert Miller of this office, dated October 30th, 1930, relating to a conference had with Mr. Charles W. Irrgang at the latter's office, on said date.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay

F. X. FAY,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM TO ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
F. X. FAY

Re: TONY ROMANO; MANNY SCHRAIBERG
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION

At 11:30 A. M. on this date Agents conferred with Mr. Charles W. Irrgang at his office, 169 South Water Market. Mr. Irrgang stated that at 7:30 P. M. on October 29, 1930 Subject Manny Schraiberg called at Mr. Irrgang's apartment at the Medinah Athletic Club and was accompanied by two men whom Schraiberg introduced as Benny Byrne or Byrnes and Mickey Sax or Saxson. After Schraiberg had made certain that Mr. Irrgang's apartment was occupied only by Mr. Irrgang and his wife, he stated that the two men with him were his financial backers, and that it be understood that they were "big shots" in the "organization", meaning the Al Capone organization.

The man named Byrne or Byrnes undertook to act as spokesman and stated flatly to Mr. Irrgang that their purpose in coming to see him was to work out some arrangement in regard to marketing of juice grapes in the various terminals so that the "organization" and the auction company could both profit by such arrangement. Byrnes stated, according to Mr. Irrgang, that he was in possession of records which the Capone organization had obtained in a raid on the former headquarters of Joe Aiello and his gang on North Michigan Avenue, which records showed that up to November 1, 1929 Joe Ferrara had paid in to the Aiello organization a net profit of $43,500.00, and that the records further indicated that for the entire juice grape shipping season of 1929 a total of between $100,000.00 and $110,000.00 had been paid in as profits by Ferrara to Aiello.

Byrnes stated that the organization, believing that Subject Schraiberg was entirely familiar with the juice grape situation, and based upon his representation that large profits were to be obtained in this "racket", had placed the sum of $100,000.00 in a loop bank to be used to finance the juice grape racket for the season of 1930 but that to date Schraiberg had been unable to show but a small profit to the great disappointment of the Capone gang, and that it was for this reason in particular, that is, to effect some plan whereby larger profits could be guaranteed to the Capone organization, that Byrnes, Schraiberg and Sax had called upon Mr. Irrgang. The last named stated that Byrnes requested Irrgang to suggest a plan whereby the organization and Irrgang could both reap a profit from the sale of juice grapes in the Chicago terminals, and Byrnes stated to Irrgang that for a consideration he was prepared to guarantee that his organization would force every peddler engaged in the sale of juice grapes in the Chicago

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terminals, including those peddlers engaged in business on the Rock Island; the Santa Fe and the Northwestern tracks, to purchase grapes exclusively from Mr. Irrgang and the U. S. Fruit Auction Company.

Mr. Irrgang stated he explained that the juice grape market to date had been unprofitable for all concerned, and that since the season was nearing a close, and in view of the further fact that the prospects for good prices between now and the close of the season were very poor, he did not consider that it would be worth the while of all concerned to agree upon any plan for the remainder of the present season. Mr. Irrgang explained that he did not wish to enter into negotiations with the organization at this time and used the last above argument as a means whereby to postpone any definite arrangements with the Capone organization.

Mr. Irrgang further stated that he went to some pains to point out to Byrnes and his two companions that the Government, while interested in the juice grape situation, was concerned chiefly with the past activities of Joe Farrara and the Aiello organization, and that his, Mr. Irrgang's, trip to Washington was made in connection with the Government investigation which has been in progress for a long period of time and had nothing to do whatever with the situation as it has existed during the present juice grape market. At this point in the conversation Byrnes remarked that the organization has been aware for some time that the Government was conducting an investigation and had reliable information, and that for some time past the Government had opened seven or eight cars of juice grape on the tracks of the Northwestern Railroad. Byrnes stated further, according to Mr. Irrgang, that the organization was fully able to deal, not only with the city Government and the States Attorney's office, but with the Federal Government as well, and stated that even "the Government men at Washington must earn a living".

Mr. Irrgang stated that the three parties above mentioned freely discussed the murders of Tony Farrara and Joe Aiello and rather plainly indicated that both were brought about through the Capone organization. Frequent mention was made by Byrnes of machine guns and millions of dollars in capital and strong arm methods which have in the past been employed, not only on the juice grape tracks but in other rackets in Chicago by the Capone organization, citing these instances as an indication of the great strength and power of the Capone gang.

Mr. Irrgang stated that Byrnes seemed to be fully conversant with the juice grape industry, including the growing of the grapes in California, the shipment of carload shipments to Chicago, and other points of distribution in the East, and cited the fact that 450 carloads of juice

grapes were being disposed of daily at present in the New York terminals, and in this connection stated that arrangements were now being made by the local organization and a similar organization in New York whereby, commencing with the next 1931 juice grape season, the "racket" in New York would be controlled also by the local Capone organization.

Mr. Irrgang stated further that during the conference the three parties stated that they were preparing to control the juice grape situation in Chicago in its entirety, and that the organization would dictate to the railroads, including the Northwestern Railroad through President Sargent, and the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Marvin Hewitt, Jr., with whom Byrnes stated he had attended school, the terms upon which the railroads would be permitted to switch cars to the various team tracks, and in this connection Byrnes stated that just prior to the killing of Joe Farrara in June of this year, it was understood that Farrara had made arrangements with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad whereby the Northwestern tracks would be closed to peddlers and the latter forced to do all of their selling from the tracks of the Milwaukee Railroad, and that it was at the request and dictation of Farrara that the new cement juice grape tracks were constructed by the Milwaukee Railroad in anticipation of this year's juice grape business on those tracks.

Mr. Irrgang stated Byrnes informed him that Tony Butch, formerly a member of Aiello gang, is now engaged in a juice grape racket at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Rockford, Illinois, and that Tony Butch is "gunning" for Mark Adamson for the reason that Adamson owes him money and will not pay.

Mr. Irrgang stated that no arrangements were made between him and the three parties above named, and at the conclusion of the conference it was understood by those present and stated by Mr. Byrnes that the organization would withdraw entirely from any further participation in the juice grape market for the remainder of the present season, but that Subjects Schraiberg and Romano would be permitted to conduct whatever business they desired for their own personal benefit during the balance of this season.

Mr. Irrgang stated that after his conference with the three parties above named, he became convinced that it would be futile to continue the present investigation, and that he was not willing to furnish any more grapes to be used in an under cover investigation; further that he was frankly concerned with his personal safety and alarmed that should it become known to the Capone organization that he was assisting the Government in this investigation, the penalty for such assistance would be his life. Mr. Irrgang stated he wished it definitely understood by the Bureau and officials in Washington that he would not testify in this case and was not willing that any signed statement made by him be used as evidence in this case.

Mr. Irrgang stated he would be willing to communicate verbally to any official of the Government the matters hereinabove set forth, but that he would not make any written statement covering his conference with the parties above named.

It was the impression of these agents that Irrgang was badly frightened by the above named parties.

The money now on deposit in the joint account of the writers as trustees, all of which was furnished by the auction company and which includes the proceeds of the sale of the carload of juice grapes, can be returned to the auction company by check whenever desired, according to Mr. Irrgang.

The foregoing will later be incorporated in an investigative report.

Very truly yours,

M. T. Little

M. T. LITTLE
Special Agent

Albert Miller

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Agent in Charge,
P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo was delivered to this office by Agent Palmera on the afternoon of October 31st and the memorandum of Agents Little and Miller, which was attached thereto, with regard to the Julee Grape Investigation, has been carefully noted. I am of the opinion that any further investigation at this time would probably be futile. The matter, however, is being referred to The Assistant to the Attorney General, and of course no further action should be taken by your office in the absence of additional instructions, except that you should advise, of course, of any information which you may hear of covering developments since the conference between Charles Irrgang and Manny Schreiberg.

It is desired, however, that you immediately arrange to surrender to Mr. Charles Irrgang all monies which are now held in the joint checking account of Agents Miller and Little at the National Bank of the Republic at Chicago. In other words, the Bureau desires that you promptly surrender to Mr. Irrgang all of the monies that he has advanced and that have been obtained as a result of the sale of grapes by Agents Palmera and Millile. It is believed that this money should be surrendered by check, Cashier's or otherwise in order that a permanent record may be had of the transaction.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TITLE: MANNY SCHRAIBERG
TONY ROMANO
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Check in the amount of $1,004.51 [illegible] to Charles W. Bringang, Vice President of the U. S. Fruit Auction Company, Chicago, Ill., same representing total receipts of all monies used, less expenses incurred. Joint checking account of Agents Little and Miller as trustees of fund in the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago closed. Awaiting instructions from the Bureau as to further investigation, case is [illegible]

REFERENCE: Report of this agent dated Chicago, Ill. 10-31-30.

DETAILS AT CHICAGO:

DETAILS: This agent, as one of the joint trustees of the fund used by the under cover investigation in this case, gave check in the amount of $1,004.51 to Mr. Charles W. Bringang, Vice President of the U. S. Fruit Auction Company at 140 South Water Market, Chicago, Ill., on 11-4-30. The said check represents the original $700.00 furnished by the U. S. Fruit Auction Company, plus the amount of $928.35 received for the sale of the carload of juice grapes by Agents DiLillo and Palmero, less $623.74 expended for freight, demurrage and incidentals. The said check for $1,004.51 issued to the U. S. Fruit Auction Company withdraws all of the funds in the joint trustee account of Agents Little and Miller in the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, Ill., and the said bank account is therefore being closed.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Attached hereto is the original and two photostatic copies of a receipted statement by Charles [illegible] covering the receipts and disbursements made in connection with the instant investigation.

The Bureau is requested to furnish the Chicago Bureau Office with instructions as to further investigation desired in this case.

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RE: CAR LOAD OF JUICE GRAPES SOLD ON C. & N. W. JUICE GRAPE TRACKS.

RECEIPTS

10-21-30,	Check from U. S. Fruit Auction Co.,	$600.00
10-23-30,	Checkafrom U. S. Fruit Auction Co.,	100.00
	Total sale of car load of grapes.**	928.25
	Total Receipts	$1628.25

EXPENSES

10-23-30,	Paid to C. & N. W. Ry. Co. for freight,	$616.24
10-23-30,	Purchase of one hatchet,	.25
10-23-30,	Purchase of one hammer,	1.25
10-27-30,	Paid to C. & N. W. Ry. Co. for Demurrage,	6.00
	Total Expenses	$623.74

Total Receipts - $1628.25
Total Expenses - 623.74
$1004.51 Due U. S. Fruit Auction Company.

**Receipts account one car load of juice grapes:

10-25-30,	105 Lugs	@	$1.00 . . .	$105.00
10-26-30,	25 "	@	1.00 . . .	25.00
10-26-30,	23 "	@	1.05 . . .	24.15
10-26-30,	34* "	@	1.05 . . .	35.70
10-26-30,	80 "	@	1.05	84.00

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. WIDEMAN

For your further information in connection with the juice grape investigation at Chicago, entitled MANNY SCHRAIBERG and TONY ROMANO, there is inclosed herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Albert Miller dated November 3, 1950 at Chicago, setting out the account and settlement by Special Agents Miller and Little with Charles W. Irrgang, Vice-President of the U. S. Fruit Auction Co. of Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Nov. 14, 1930.

V. W. Hughes,
Room 418.

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California Fights Invasion By 'Al' Capone's Gangsters

Law Enforcement Agencies Act After Rumors of Kidnaping Plots and Reports That Chicago Gunmen Have Detreed "Grape Juice" War.

Los Angeles, Nov. 13 (A.P.)—Tips on kidnaping plots and newspaper reports that "Scarface Al" Capone, Chicago gang leader, was in Southern California, sent the heads of three law enforcement agencies into a secret conference here today, to plan action against "an invasion by gangsters."

The danger in the situation was outlined by District Attorney Buron Fitts, who said: "It is time to take concerted action against these criminals." Fitts declared that within sixty days, he had obtained "astonishing information" from underworld sources.

The reports of Capone's arrival here sent detectives in a vain search for the gangster. On several other occasions he had been reported here but no trace of him was found. Two years ago, he made a 30-minute visit in Los Angeles, 15 minutes of which was spent in going to a hotel and 15 more in getting back on a train, in custody of police.

The authorities indicated that their campaign to prevent gangsters from gaining a foothold here would be one of scattering the criminals as quickly as their presence is learned.

Today's conference came upon the heels of an alleged plot to kidnap Harry Chandler, owner of the Los Angeles Times. The veteran publisher showed little perturbation over the information, but Fitts assigned two detectives to guard him against any attempt to carry out the threat.

Meeting with Fitts at the conference were Chief of Police Roy Steckel and Sheriff William I. Traeger.

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CALIFORNIA FIGHTS CAPONE INVASION

Continued from Page 1.

Fresno, Calif., Nov. 13 (A.P.)—The Fresno Bee said today that orders had come out from the headquarters of Al ("Scarface") Capone, Chicago gangland chief, that grape concentrates, the new product of the Fruit Industries, Ltd., of California, could not be sold in Chicago, and that death would be the price of disobedience.

It was understood, the Bee said, that gangland's orders were handed down to those in a position to act as selling agents for the new product—a highly concentrated grape juice capable of fermentation.

Officials of the Fruit Industries, Ltd., the Bee declared, are in Chicago to see what can be done. The concern is part of the Government-sponsored grape-control organization in California.

The newspaper asserted that its information was obtained in Washington, Chicago and San Francisco, and that the Capone order to his henchmen came at a time when the concern was preparing to enter Chicago with the legal grape product after launching a campaign in Milwaukee.

Representatives of Fruit Industries, Ltd., in Washington are said to be consulting with Government authorities on what should be done.

Chicago, Nov. 13 (A.P.)—Chicago branch officials of Fruit Industries, Ltd., of California, said today they had received no threats from "Al" Capone and that their only knowledge of the gangster had been gleaned from newspaper columns. They had heard nothing, they declared, of a report from Fresno that Capone had warned against introduction of their product into Chicago.

L. M. Fisher, the local manager, said the company's product had been on the market for ten years.

(Associated Press.)

Officials of the Department of Justice and Prohibition Bureau said yesterday they had never heard of the reported threat by Chicago gangsters to kill officials of Fruit Industries, Ltd., if they sold grape concentrate there.

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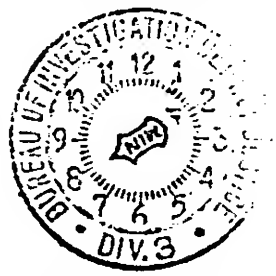

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Re: JUICE GRAPES

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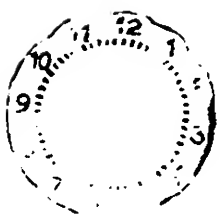
It is requested that Agents of the Bureau permanently stationed at Chicago keep this matter under general surveillance making reports from time to time of any new developments that they consider relevant. No active investigation is to take place, nor are new witnesses to be interviewed without instructions from this office, but leads should be reported.

Any information volunteered by Irrgang or others to be received but care should be taken that under no circumstances should the Bureau promise to treat Irrgang's information as confidential.

A resumption of this conspiracy next year may reasonably be expected and it is as a foundation for possible future investigations that this general surveillance is requested.

JOHN LORD O'BRIAN
The Assistant to the Attorney General



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Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Box 1405,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith for your information and guidance copy of a memorandum addressed to this office by Mr. John Lord O'Brian, the Assistant to the Attorney General, under date of November 10, with regard to the Juice Grape investigation entitled TONY ROMANO and MANNY SCHRAIBERG.

You will note Mr. O'Brian's request that the Bureau keep in touch with developments in this matter, but that no further investigation should be made, nor any additional witnesses interviewed without specific instructions. It is suggested only that Special Agents Little, Miller and Butterworth keep in touch with the general situation in the grape selling industry and report any information which they may feel will be of value to the Department in the event that investigation is made next year.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. O'BRIAN.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of the 10th instant suggesting that the Chicago office of the Bureau of Investigation keep in general touch with the situation in the grape industry, in order that the Department may be fully informed in the event a decision is reached to resume the inquiry next year at the time of the grape selling season.

I have instructed the Chicago office to keep in touch with this situation, but to make no further investigation and to conduct no further interviews without specific instructions. I have suggested that Special Agents Little, Miller and Butterworth, who have conducted the investigation, arrange to keep in touch with the general situation and to report any developments which may be of interest.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THE WASHINGTON POST: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1930.

GRAPE JUICE HUBBUB IS SEEN AS PUBLICITY

Government Believed Goat of Incident Revolving About Capone and Conn.

WAS BUILT UP TO CLIMAX

By CARLISLE BARGERON.

Behind the guarded statements, with which official Washington has fought the last few days to deal with this business of Al Capone's threatening the California "wine growers," is the definite conviction that it is the greatest publicity hoax that has been put over in this country in a long time. And it is beginning to get on the official nerves.

It is, in fact, just about the climax of the harassment the officials have suffered at the hands of that creature of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, the California fermentable grape industry.

First, the Farm Board was poaxed into financing it.

Then, on the strength of this and an understanding of the Government's future policy, the wine growers launched upon a bold, Nation-wide advertising campaign claiming they were under Government protection.

On the question of just what assurance they were given that their grape concentrates would not be molested, Attorney General Mitchell and Prohibition Director Woodcock insist there has been no change in the policy announced more than a year ago, that the sale of grape juices and the possession of the fermented product in the home would not be molested. The interpretation of the law was made at that time, incidentally, by Mrs. Willebrandt, then Assistant Attorney General.

But the great difference that has come over the wine growers since the announcement of that policy and the Farm Board's financial support is this:

Formerly they marketed their grape juices intended for wine occasionally. Here in Washington you had to know your man before he would come to your house at the end of 21 days and bottle the stuff for you.

Marketed Of Grapeade.

Now the concentrates are being marketed through grocery stores, with the very plain intimation in the national advertising that one had only to add water to get wine.

Officials were made apprehensive at the boldness of the advertising at the outset, and now that the wits have begun to make sarcastic references to the hypocrisy of the business, these officials have been kept busy pondering the observations of Government commentators all the way from Plato and Machiavelli down to Calvin Coolidge in order to make just the right kind of public statements on the matter.

Into this delicate situation came the story the other day that Al Capone was out in California demanding that the vineyardists keep out of the Chicago area. He was afraid they would cut too deeply into his beer and "alky" trade.

Reaction of Drys.

Here was an announcement from the California housetops for all the country to hear that there must be something in that California grape juice if it could compete with Al Capone's beer and alky. And manifestly there must be.

At the same time the story carried a profound thought for the drys. If that grape juice could interfere so greatly with Mr. Capone's trade, well why not, in the end of temperance, let it flourish.

Officials here have no definite explanation of just how the story was planted, but they have their suspicions. And it was, they agree, a masterpiece of work, the work of a psychologist, one, in fact, who knows every convolution in the mass mind, just what it takes to make each and every one of these convolutions turn over and form what is affectionately termed a thought.

Conn's Wonderful Memory.

Apparently, Conn's memory, at least of the telegram, was wonderful. Willebrandt says Conn wired her about it. His boss, head of the [illegible] U. And Dr. [illegible] Wheeler, and the Rev. R. C. [illegible], apparently even he took the story seriously. [illegible] a day or so after he had received it gave disposition on having sent a telegram to the Department of Justice demanding protection from Al Capone pickpockets whom, according to the original story, the vineyardists were about to put out of business.

Attorney General Mitchell has seriously told newspapermen in his wide-eyed honesty that he has looked all over the department, even in the private files of the Assistant Attorney General, John Lord O'Brien, who is away, and he can't find that Conn telegram.

All he can find is a complaint several months ago from a Chicago produce merchant who sells apples, cabbages, celery, grapes and green stuff in general, that the racketeers were bothering him. And before the department could do anything in this instance the complaint was withdrawn. There was no suggestion that the apples, cabbages and celery were interfering with Mr. Capone's beer and alky trade. It was presumably simply a case of the man being a victim of the trucking racket which exists in Chicago.

Al's Story "Bunk."

Undoubtedly, too it is held, California grapes going into Chicago, or Texas onions, or Georgia potatoes have to pay those excessive trucking costs of the racket.

It is pointed out here that had the Department of Justice not issued just the right kind of statements on the reported Conn telegram, that had it rushed in to give this demanded "protection" then there would have been another peg on which the vineyardists could pin their advertising claim of "Government protection."

Bluntly, the Capone story, originating in a California newspaper and greeting quite a furore the past several days is the—or at, the bunk.

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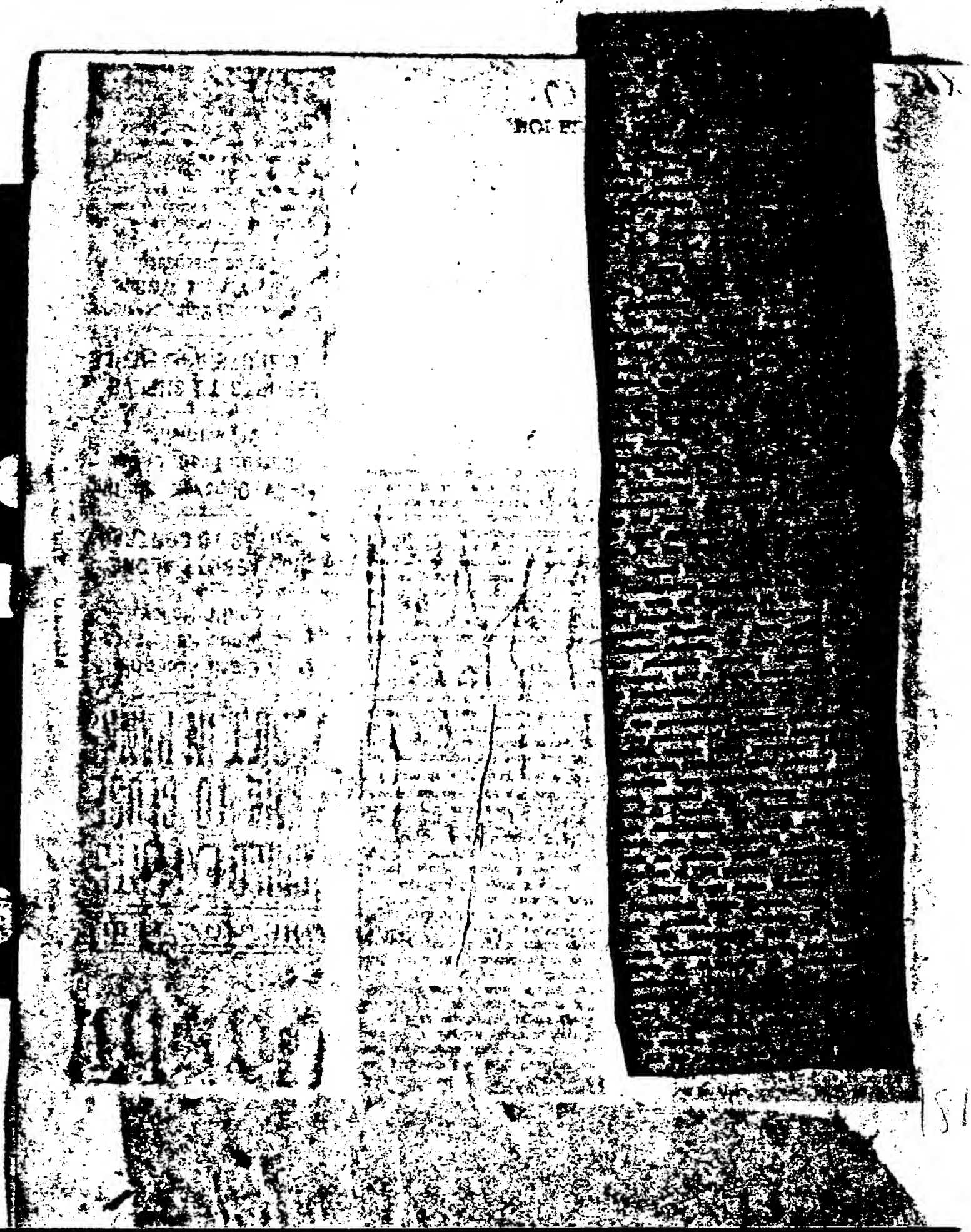

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. O'BRIAN

For your further information in connection with the FRICK GRAFT INVESTIGATION at CHICAGO, involving HARRY SCHRAIBERG ET AL, there are inclosed herewith photostatic copies of newspaper clippings taken from the "Chicago Tribune" of November 14th and the "Chicago Daily Tribune" of November 15th.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Chicago "TRIBUNE" Thursday morning, November 14, 1930.

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GRAPE GROWERS DEFY REPORTED CAPONE THREAT

Leader Says They'll Go On with 'Wine Maker.'

Donald D. Conn, managing director of Fruit Industries, Ltd., and of the California Vineyardists' association, last night took official cognizance of the reported threats of Al Capone banning the introduction of new grape concentrates into Chicago, with a statement that his organizations would go ahead and "take a chance" with hostile bootleggers and racketeers.

Mr. Conn was reached at the Union League club, where he registered yesterday for a visit before his departure today for San Francisco.

Defiant to Capone.

At the club Mr. Conn was besieged with telephone messages and telegrams from all sections of the country inquiring into the truth of published reports on the west coast that gangsters, supposedly inspired by Capone, had warned officials of Fruit Industries and kindred concerns that their new grape by-product, which ferments into wine, would not be permitted in Chicago and other large centers. Mr. Conn said this fermentation was "legal."

not acquainted with the situation here either as to Capone or other hoodlums.

According to L. H. Fisher, Chicago manager of Fruit Industries, his concern had received no warnings from Capone, as stated in a dispatch from Fresno, Cal. The dispatch said that Capone's Chicago headquarters had threatened "to blow the heads off" of persons marketing the concentrates in Chicago. New York hoodlums had issued similar ultimatums in respect to the east, it was reported.

The reported threats created a stir

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WILL U. S. STOP SALE OF JUICE TO MAKE WINE?

Grape Industry Backed by Farm Board Loan.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—[Special.]—There was increased speculation today as to whether the department of justice could and would continue its policy of hands off in the case of home made and home fermented wine.

Word came from Milwaukee that the sale of concentrated juice from wine grapes was being continued there, and copies of advertisements in which the federal farm board support of the grape industry was flaunted were received here by prohibition officials. Wets and drys alike began to wonder whether light wines had not already become a fact without the help of any modification of the Volstead act or repeal of the 18th amendment.

They pointed to the situation in which the government finds itself pledged to enforce the prohibition

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Memorandum of telephone call from Mr. Dunn, at Chicago.

Mr. Dunn said he was calling about the Grape Juice case. He said that L. W. McCormack, a representative of the National Committee and Ray Benjamin, came in to see him. He told Mr. Dunn that Mr. Benjamin had told him to come to see Mr. Dunn at the Bureau office and he could get all of the information the Bureau has relative to the "shake down".

Mr. Dunn said he told Mr. McCormack that all the files are in Washington at the present time and that the Attorney General would have to release them. Mr. Hoover said that Mr. Dunn did the right thing.

Mr. McCormack told Mr. Dunn that yesterday he had had a personal interview with Al Capone, who gave his personal assurance that his "hoodlums" are not concerned in the racket in any way. Mr. Hoover said it would be a great mistake to deal with anyone who is in personal contact with Al Capone.

Mr. Hoover said he had told the representative of the Grape industry that it would be a great mistake to deal with Al Capone or anyone connected with him.

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Memorandum of telephone call from a representative of the United Press service.

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The representative wished to learn something about the Fruit Growers of California, appeal for protection against gangsters.

Mr. Hoover suggested that the representative talk with Mr. O'Brian.

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Chicago Daily Tribune
December 4, 1930.
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WINE MAKING JUICE INDICTS NINE; GETS OTHERS U. S. FUNDS

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 3.—[Special.]—Nine officials of the California Vineyard company now awaiting trial under federal indictment for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law by selling grape wine, today began legal maneuvers for a novel defense.

Four of the nine indicted, all of them Los Angeles residents, filed an amended demand for a bill of particulars from the United States attorney containing an accusation that the government has for years condoned technical infractions of the prohibition law. The defendants' legal papers also set up the defense contention that the government itself has been financing Fruit Industries, Ltd. (which has as its attorney Mabel Walker Willebrandt), which offers a beverage service identical with that they were indicted for.

The government farm board loaned Fruit Industries, Ltd. $4,000,000 through the grape control board, the defendants aver, and infer that the federal money now is engaged in filling the market from which California Vineyards company was forcibly detached.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. O'BRIAN.

For your further information in connection with the Chicago Juice Grape investigation entitled TONY ROMANO, et al., there is enclosed herewith copy of a news clipping from the Chicago Tribune of Thursday, November 20, 1950.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Declares Dry Enforcers O. K.'d Industry.

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—[Special.]—Before giving its financial backing to the grape wine concentrate campaign of the California grape control board, the federal farm board had assurances from the prohibition enforcement agencies that the enterprise was "perfectly legal," Chairman Alexander Legge declared today.

Mr. Legge in his first extended discussion of the concentrate sales, which have caused nationwide interest, discounted a general belief that placing the fermentable wine in the homes is a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the dry law.

"The farm board has a clear file on the sales campaign of the grape industry," he said. "I corresponded with everybody in the government about it. I told them we did not want to lend money for any enterprise that would be illegal, and that I wanted to know whether these people were regarded as law violators or not.

Hope to Take Up Surplus.

"The grape people, you know, are planning a lot of by-products. That is one way they hope to take up the surplus. They have enough products to stock a grocery store—jellies, fruits, jams, and such things. And they expect to offer a five cent drink at the drug stores. But they started a little late and they did not get going in time to do much this year."

Mr. Legge said he felt certain that

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[illegible] AGAINST CHICAGO CRIME

Calls Guzik Verdict Blow to Gangs.

[illegible] all federal law enforcement agencies in Chicago are being [illegible] in a concerted campaign against crime. This was announced in Washington yesterday by Attorney General Mitchell in the wake of the government's conviction of Jake Guzik, Capone lieutenant and public enemy in charge of evading the income tax.

The conviction of Guzik was regarded in Washington as the most far reaching blow so far dealt to the Capone gang. Attorney General Mitchell announced that the federal authorities in Chicago are being supported by the "fortifying and strengthening" of the various federal agencies.

Help Sent from Washington.

Assistant Attorney General William J. Froelich has been in Chicago for several weeks assisting United States Attorney George E. S. Johnson to coordinate the several branches of the federal service for an assault upon crime on all fronts. The district attorney had not disclosed the purpose of Mr. Froelich's assignment, but it was revealed in Washington by the attorney

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Chicago Daily Tribune
February 5, 1931

WETS COMPARE WINE JUICE, BEER AND THE DRY ACT

Ask Why One Drink Is Legal, Other Not?

[Chicago Tribune Press Service.]

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—[Special.]—Holding aloft the advertisement of a California company which sells grape concentrates and promises to bottle the product in your home at the end of sixty days, Senator Millard Tydings [Dem., Md.], infinitely wet, challenged the senate today to say what this

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making wine in the cellar is not in contravention of the 18th amendment," he declared. "Do I hear an answer? No. Then I take it that the 18th amendment is being violated with the consent of the senate.

Has $20,000,000 U. S. Loan.

"Not only that, but this California company is being helped by a $20,000,000 loan from the federal farm board. In other words, $20,000,000 of the prohibitionists' money is being used to help wicked imbibers wiggle around the 18th amendment.

"It has come to the point where we have the constitution on the one hand and on the other a violation of it approved by the government and financed from the United States treasury. That is the sort of hypocrisy that exists under the dry law."

With sarcastic references to the sanctity of wine making in the home and the horrible crime of making four per cent beer, Senators Bingham [Rep., Conn.], Blaine [Wis.], insurgent Republican, and David I. Walsh [Dem., Mass.], three leading wets, helped Senator Tydings' cause along.

Blaine Is Sarcastic.

"You call making this wine illegal," said Senator Blaine in a shocked voice. "Why, how can it be when it has been approved by every government and temperance agency, including the President and the W. C. T. U.?"

Senator Hawes [Dem., Mo.] assisted by introducing an amendment to the Howell bill to make wire tapping by dry agents unlawful.

"If people who sell bottles and corks and such can be found guilty of conspiracy to violate the dry law," demanded Senator King [Dem., Utah], another wet, "why aren't congress and the farm board guilty of conspiracy for having furnished these grape growers with money?"

"The whole thing goes to show our own congressional hypocrisy," declared Senator Tydings. "If it is right and moral to make twenty per cent wine, then it is right to make twenty per cent anything else, whether it's beer, whisky or gin."

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	1/30/31	1/28/31	R. N. BUTTERWORTH

TITLE: MANNY SCHRAIBERG;
TONY ROMANO;
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION

FEB 2 1931

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Charles W. Irrgang stated that there have been no new developments in this case at Chicago, Illinois, since November, 1930, and that the final shipment of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois, has been made for the season of 1930.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Director, dated November 18, 1930.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,

Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company, 169 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois, stated that there have been no new developments in this case at Chicago, Illinois, since November, 1930, and that shipment of juice grapes to Chicago, Illinois, has been finished for the season of 1930.

DETAILS: PENDING

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: R. G. Harvey acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. O'BRIAN.

For your information, in connection with our investigation entitled: - NANNY SCHRAIBERG, and TONY ROMANO, involving sales of juice grapes at Chicago, there is enclosed herewith, a copy of a report of Special Agent R. W. Butterworth, made at Chicago, dated January 30, 1931, which indicates there have been no developments since the close of the grape season.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Ill.

April 14, 1931.

62-24153

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Juice Grape Investigation;
Anti-Trust Matter.

Dear Sir:

All leads have been completed in the above captioned case.

Instructions are requested as to whether further investigation is desired in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. McSWAIN
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 24, 1931.

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Box 1485,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant relative to the Grape Juice Investigation, your attention is invited to Bureau letter of November 12th, wherein it was suggested that your office keep in touch with the general situation in the grape selling industry and report any information which might be of possible value to the Department, in the event that investigation of this matter is resumed in the coming fall.

In view of the advice contained in the letter of November 12th, it is desired that you carry this case as pending and that you have the Agents make periodic inquiry to determine what, if anything, develops thereon, so that the Department will be advised in the event the matter is again considered during the coming grape selling season.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60-166

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Chicago, Illinois	June 3, 1931	June 2, 1931	R. N. BUTTERWORTH

TITLE:
MANNY SCHRAIBERG;
TONY ROMANO;
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION

CHARACTER OF CASE:
ANTI-TRUST

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Charles W. Irrgang stated that he has not been approached by anyone relative to payment of tribute to racketeers for protection in selling juice grapes in Chicago during the juice grape season of 1931.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated April 24, 1931.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Charles W. Irrgang, manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company, 169 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois, stated he has not been approached by anyone relative to the payment of tribute to racketeers for protection in the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois for the juice grape season of 1931.

DETAILS:

Mr. Irrgang stated that if he receives any information regarding racketeering in the juice grape market in Chicago, Illinois during the coming juice grape season he will immediately notify the Chicago office of Bureau of this information.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. O'BRIAN

In the case entitled MANNY SCHRAIBERG et al.
ANTITRUST MATTER
there are transmitted herewith copies of the following reports:

Agent	Office	Date
R. E. Butterworth	Chicago	6/3/31

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #756197

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS CHICAGO FILE No. 80-166

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1931	July 20, 1931	R. E. Butterworth

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
MANNY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO; JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION	ANTI-TRUST MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Charles W. Irrgang stated he has not received any information in regard to plans to conduct racketeering in the juice grape market in Chicago, Illinois for the juice grape season of 1931.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. E. Butterworth, Chicago, Illinois, June 5, 1931.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Agent interviewed Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company at his office 159 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Irrgang stated he has not received any information regarding any plans to conduct racketeering in the juice grape market in Chicago, Illinois during the juice grape season of 1931. Mr. Irrgang stated that juice grapes will begin to come into Chicago markets about Sept. 15, 1931, but the juice grape season does not really start before Oct. 1, 1931. Mr. Irrgang stated that Subject Manny Schraiberg is in Chicago, Ill. and attends the sales of watermelons conducted at the railroad terminals. Mr. Irrgang stated that Mark T. Adamson is in financial difficulties; that Adamson left Chicago and is now engaged in a fruit produce business in Toronto, Canada. He stated that he has not seen Tony Romano for several months and does not know anything concerning Romano's activities. Mr. Irrgang stated that if he receives any information tending to show that racketeering will be attempted in the juice grape market this fall he will immediately communicate this information to the Chicago Office of Bureau.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Mr. O'Brian.

In the case entitled HARRY SCHRAIBERG, et al,
Antitrust Matter,

there are transmitted herewith copies of the following reports:

Agent	Office	Date
R. H. Butterworth	Chicago	7/24/31

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 80-166

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	Oct. 4, 1931	Oct. 2, 1931	[illegible]

TITLE: HARRY SCHRATHERG; TONY ROMANO
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION

CHARACTER OF CASE: [illegible]
INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Charles W. Irrgang, Manager, Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Co. Chicago, states that he received no information regarding any proposed racketeering in the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Ill. during the juice grape season of 1931.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.N. Butterworth, Chicago, Illinois, dated 7/24/31.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company was interviewed at his office, 169 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Irrgang stated that he has not received any information of any proposed racketeering in the sale of juice grapes in the Chicago markets during the juice grape season of 1931. Mr. Irrgang stated that if he receives any information of attempted racketeering in the sale of juice grapes at Chicago, he will immediately notify the Chicago office.

REMARKS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. O'BRIAN

In the case entitled MANNY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO. ANTITRUST MATTERS ~~WHITE GRAPE INVESTIGATION~~

there are transmitted herewith copies of the following reports:

Agent	Office	Date
R. W. Butterworth	Chicago, Illinois	10-6-31

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

W.C.

Assistant Director.

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Chicago, Ill.	11/24/31	11/24/31	R. H. Butterworth :AB

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
MANNY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION	ANTITRUST MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Co., Chicago, stated that there has been no racketeering in the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois during the juice grape season of 1931.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. H. Butterworth, Chicago, 10/6/31.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Agent interviewed Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company, in Mr. Irrgang's office, 169 South Water Market, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Irrgang stated that the juice grape season for the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois is nearly over, and that there has been no attempt on the part of racketeers to exact a tribute from purchasers of juice grapes on the juice grape tracks in Chicago, Illinois during the juice grape season of 1931.

Mr. Irrgang stated that if any attempts are made by racketeers to intimidate purchasers of juice grapes on the juice grape tracks at Chicago, Illinois during the remainder of the juice grape season of 1931, that he will immediately notify the Chicago office of these acts.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	1/9/32	1/6/32	R. N. BUTTERWORTH

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
MANNY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION	ANTITRUST MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company, Chicago, Illinois, stated that the juice grape shipments to Chicago, Illinois, have been completed for the season of 1931. He stated that there has been no racketeering in the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois, during the juice grape season of 1931.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. N. Butterworth, dated 11/24/31, at Chicago, Illinois.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Charles W. Irrgang, Manager of the Independent Fruit and Produce Auction Company, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed and stated that there has been no racketeering in the sale of juice grapes in Chicago, Illinois, during the juice grape season of 1931. Mr. Irrgang stated that shipments of juice grapes to Chicago, Illinois, have been completed for this season, and that no more juice grapes will be sold "on track" until the Fall of 1932.

DETAILS

Instructions are requested as to whether further investigation is desired in this matter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. P. Gilmore Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. O'BRIAN.

I desire to invite your attention to the enclosed copy of the report of Special Agent R. H. Butterworth, made at Chicago, January 7, 1932, entitled HARRY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO; JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION, Antitrust Matter.

You will recall that considerable inquiry to the charge of racketeering affecting interstate commerce in the juice grape industry was made in the fall of 1930. At your request, the matter has been held open since that original investigation and periodic inquiries have been made by the Agents to determine whether the activities of this group have continued. The enclosed report indicates that there has been no racketeering in this industry at Chicago during the season just closed, at least the original complainant, Charles H. Irrgang, so states.

In view of this word, the Chicago Office of the Bureau is being instructed to close the matter on its records.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #703716

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JAN 12 1932

January 11, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
Box 1405,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of the report of Special Agent R. E. Butterworth, dated January 7, 1932, entitled HARRY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO; JULIUS GRAFF INVESTIGATION, Kidnapping Matter, you are advised that you should consider this case closed on your records.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P. O. BOX 1405,
CHICAGO, ILL.

January 8, 1932.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

62- 24153

Re: MANNY SCHRAIBERG; TONY ROMANO.
JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION.
ANTI-TRUST MATTER.

Dear Sir:

Investigation in the above captioned case reflects that the juice grape shipments to Chicago, Illinois, have been completed for the season of 1931 and that no more juice grapes will be sold "on track" until the fall of 1932.

Instructions are requested as to whether further investigation is desired in this matter, which is being carried as inactive in this office under instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

W. A. McSwain,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Re: Juice Grape Investigation.

Referring to your memorandum of January 11th, no further investigation need be made in connection with this situation, and the case may be marked closed.

JOHN LORD O'BRIAN,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO FILE NO. 62-166

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CHICAGO, ILL.	1-11-32	1-15-32	E. J. ROTHKOPCH

TITLE	CHARACTER
MANNY SCHRAINERO TONY ROMANO JUICE GRAPE INVESTIGATION	EXTORTION MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On instructions from the Bureau this case is closed.

REFERENCE: Letter from Bureau dated [illegible] 11, 1932.

DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

According to instructions received from the Bureau in letter of reference this matter is closed.

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GRAPE ANTITRUST CASE

Bureau File #62-24153.

In the Fall of 1930, an investigation was initiated by the United States Bureau of Investigation of allegations that certain levies had been and were being assessed against purveyors of grapes which arrived in Chicago from California. The grapes in question were of a variety which made them valuable primarily because of the juice that could be extracted from them. The investigation related to charges that racketeers in Chicago, particularly, were making an assessment of $20 per car load for the grapes which arrived in the Chicago Freight Yards, and an additional assessment of three cents against each lug or crate of grapes sold from the cars in the Freight Yards. The indications were that this practice had led to a depression in the grape market, which was further aggravated by the fact that a rival gang of racketeers was alleged to be planning to assess an additional levy of $30 per car, thus bringing the total amount of tribute levied by racketeers to the total of $50 per car.

The fact that this complaint was made and that the Department of Justice had become active in the investigation became known, presumably by some person connected with the complainants. Considerable publicity attended the making of the complaint and the indications that an investigation would be made, which resulted in causing it to be practically impossible to obtain evidence of the actual collection of levies. As a result of the investigations which were made, however, it was agreed by all that the effort made by this Bureau in that case for a time at least caused a discontinuance of the practice.

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Mr. Henry C. W. Leubenheimer,
United States Marshal,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to the present arrangements between your organization, the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, and certain foreign countries cooperating in the international exchange of fingerprint identification data, you are informed that the fingerprints of the person or persons named below, which you transmitted to this Bureau, have been forwarded to the officials at the point or points indicated, with the results specified.

Name	Officials at	Record
Mark F. Adamson	[redacted] b1D	None

Very truly yours,

Director.

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January 31, 1954.

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FEB 7 1954

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a request from [redacted] to furnish a disposition on an arrest of Mark T. Atkinson who was arrested by the United States Marshal in Chicago, Illinois, on September 10, 1953, on a charge of violation of the Prudent Agency Act of 1937. The fingerprint record on this arrest was received in the Division on September 18, 1953.

It is requested that you ascertain the disposition of this arrest and advise the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

February 7, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated 1-31-34 from the Division concerning disposition of the case of MARK T. ADAMSON for violation of the Produce Agency Act of 1927.

Mark T. Adamson Company, a corporation, and Mark T. Adamson, its President, were defendants in this case. On January 19, 1933, a plea of not guilty was entered and trial was continued until March 3rd, 1933. On March 3rd, 1933, plea of not guilty was withdrawn and a plea of nolo contendere entered as to each defendant. Mark T. Adamson was fined $100.00 and no costs on this date and the corporation was fined one dollar and no costs. Both fines were paid the same date.

Disposition sheet covering this case is attached.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

FEB 8 1934

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Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date Feb. 7, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Fingerprints #3006, submitted by U.S. Marshal, Chicago, 9-12-32.	MARK T. ADAMSON	On March 3, 1933, fined $100.00 and no costs. b7D

[redacted]

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours,
W. A. Smith
W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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March 14, 1934.

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Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of January 18, 1934, requesting a disposition on the arrest of Mark T. Adamson, whose fingerprints were received by you on September 24, 1932, from this Division.

I have caused an inquiry to be made at Chicago, Illinois, and am now in receipt of advice to the effect that Mark T. Adamson, U. S. Marshal, Chicago #3006, who was arrested at Chicago, Illinois, for a violation of the Produce Agency Act, was on March 5, 1933, fined $100, without costs.

Assuring you that it is a pleasure to cooperate with your Department, I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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June 25, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

Attached is a letter from the Warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary concerning Al Capone. While I am inclined to agree with the Warden's conclusion we cannot, of course, leave any stone unturned in this particular case. Will you be good enough to give us the benefit of any comments or suggestions you may have.

Acting Director.

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

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Atlanta, Georgia.

Office of the Warden
June 23, 1932.

Director, Bureau of Prisons,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photostat copy of letter addressed to Al Capone, register No. 40886, [redacted] which was intercepted by the mail censors of this institution. [redacted]

In the event you should have this investigated [redacted]

Yours very truly,

(S) A. C. ADERHOLD
Warden

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I hereby certify that on entering the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on the above date, beside the clothes worn, I had $——

in money, and the following articles of value [redacted]

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myself or imperil it for others, if you accord it to me.

Respectfully,

Name [redacted]

... State Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, or his ... all mail matters and all express and other ... so long as I am a prisoner in said Penitentiary, ... ding any money remaining to my credit in or ... transmitted to h........ whose address

[redacted]

... lanta, Georgia, this day of

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June 28, 1932.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Attention: Mr. Bennett.

I am in receipt of your memorandum, dated June 25, 1932, attaching a letter from the Warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary, dated June 23, 1932, with its enclosures, one of which was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary addressed to Al Capone.

I am returning the Warden's letter and the enclosures to you herewith, copies of these communications having been forwarded for such action as they may warrant to the Birmingham, Alabama, office of this Bureau, as the Birmingham Office covers the Atlanta district.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 28, 1932.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter, addressed to the Director, Bureau of Prisons, by the Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, under date of June 23, 1932, together with photostatic copies of the enclosures referred to therein, one of which was addressed to Hippocrene.

These enclosures are being forwarded to you for such attention as they may warrant.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 28th 1932, enclosing photostatic copies of letters, including an anonymous communication addressed to Al Capone at the Atlanta Penitentiary.

Special Agent J.S. Johnson interviewed Warden A.C. Aderhold as to the identity of the individual who wrote the letter in question. Mr. Aderhold stated that he had learned nothing besides the information contained in his original communication to the Bureau of Prisons. [redacted]

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No further action is being taken on this matter here.

Very truly yours,

M.H. Purvis

M.H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Attention Mr. Bennett

With further reference to your memorandum dated June 25, 1932, attaching a letter from the Warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary, with its enclosures, one of which was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary, addressed to Al Capone, I am in receipt of a letter from the Special Agent in Charge at Birmingham, Alabama, advising that Special Agent J. S. Johnson interviewed the Warden of the Atlanta Penitentiary relative to the letter addressed to Capone, and at that time, the Warden stated that [redacted]

Bureau of Prisons

Very truly yours,

Director.

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